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Country of Origin Labeling Program  
Agricultural Marketing Service  
USDA  
Stop 0249 Room 2092-S  
1400 Independence Avenue SW  
Washington DC 20250-0249

Dear friends,

We are writing in support of the recently issued Origin Labeling guidelines including the requirement for all fish to be labeled as wild-caught or farm-raised and by country of origin. When we buy fish for my family, we would very much like to know what we are buying, and to be able to choose - just as we choose healthy ingredients in the food we buy. The only reason a producer would not wish to supply this information, would be to hide something they know their customers and fellow citizens do not support and would not freely choose. In order for democracy to work, in order for the free market to work, people need access to complete and accurate information on which to base our choices. We expect you, as government workers whose job is to uphold our democracy, to make sure that citizens get the information we need.

Thanks & blessings,

Handwritten signatures of Nancy Wygant and Jamie Alexander. The signature of Nancy Wygant is on the left, and the signature of Jamie Alexander is on the right. Both signatures are in cursive and are written in black ink.

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